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For: *METHODS FOR DELIVERING NUCLEIC
ACID MOLECULES INTO CELLS AND
ASSESSMENT THEREOF*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the
amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-8, with the following
paragraph:**

RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1
This application is related to U.S. application Serial No. 09/815,981, to de
Jong *et al.*, entitled "METHODS FOR DELIVERING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
INTO CELLS AND ASSESSMENT THEREOF." The subject matter thereof is
incorporated in its entirety by reference thereto.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 3-7, with the following
paragraph:**

A2
Included among the nucleic acid molecules that may be delivered into
cells using the methods provided herein are artificial chromosomes, satellite